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With OPTIMUS PRIME and MEGATRON missing, presumed dead, the civil war on CYBERTRON degenerates into a series of frantic border conflict, with multiple factions bidding to consolidate or expand their home territory. Into this melting pot comes The Fallen, an ancient member of the TRANSFORMERS with dark designs on the planet. He recruits BLUDGEON, MINDWIPE and BUGLY, his plan to isolate and capture key individuals such as GRIMLOCK. At the very heart of CYBERTRON, The Fallen prepares...

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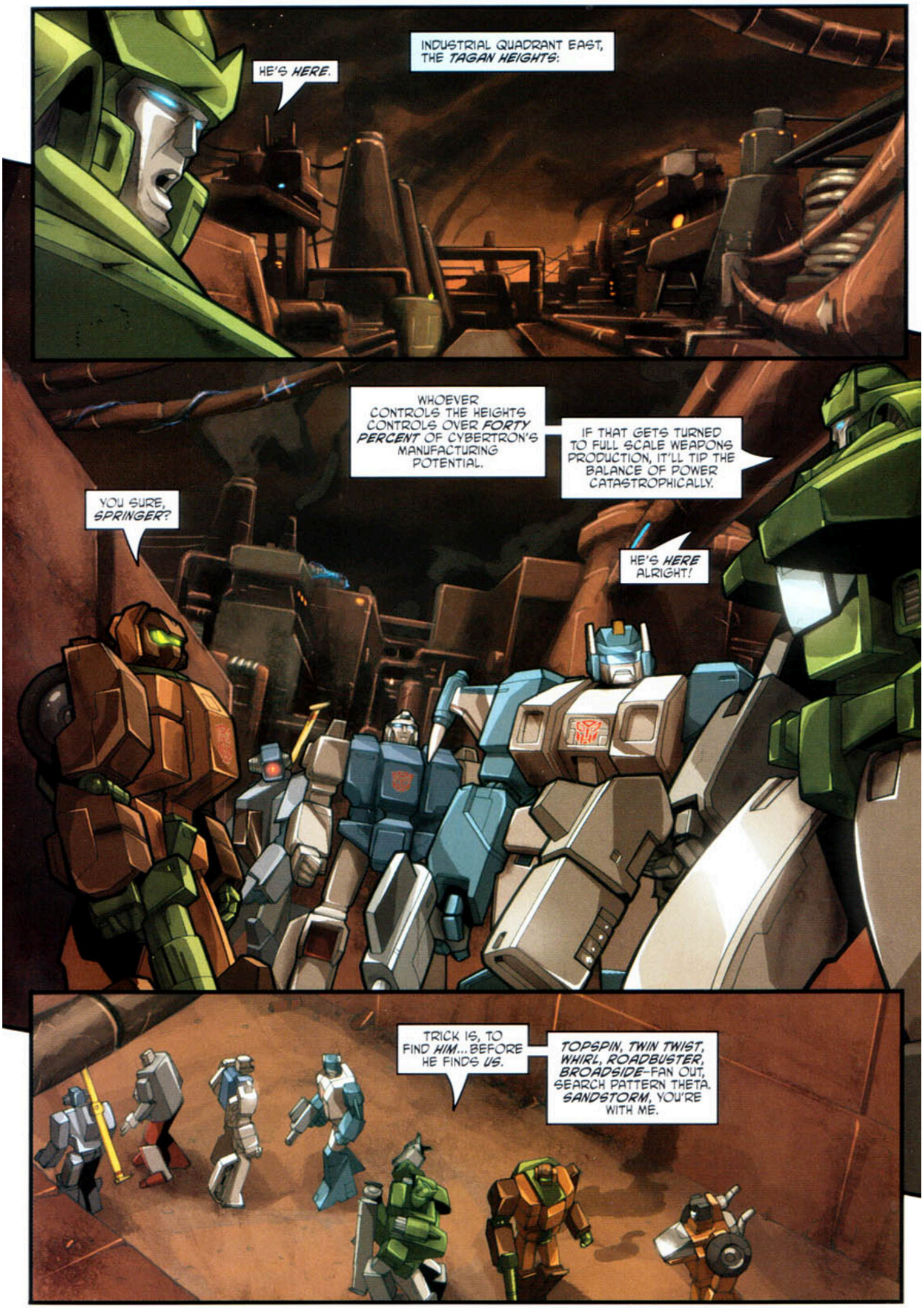

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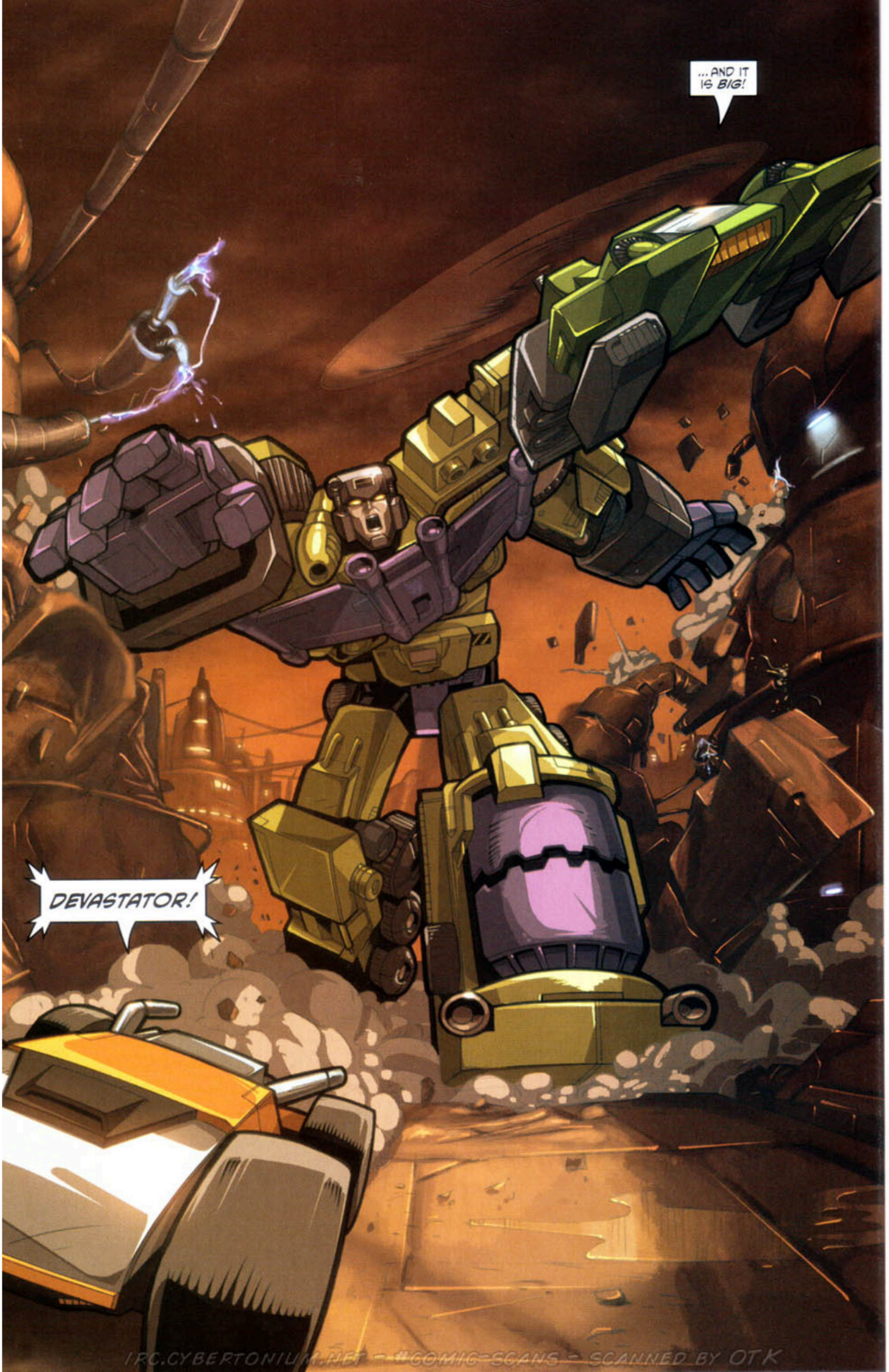

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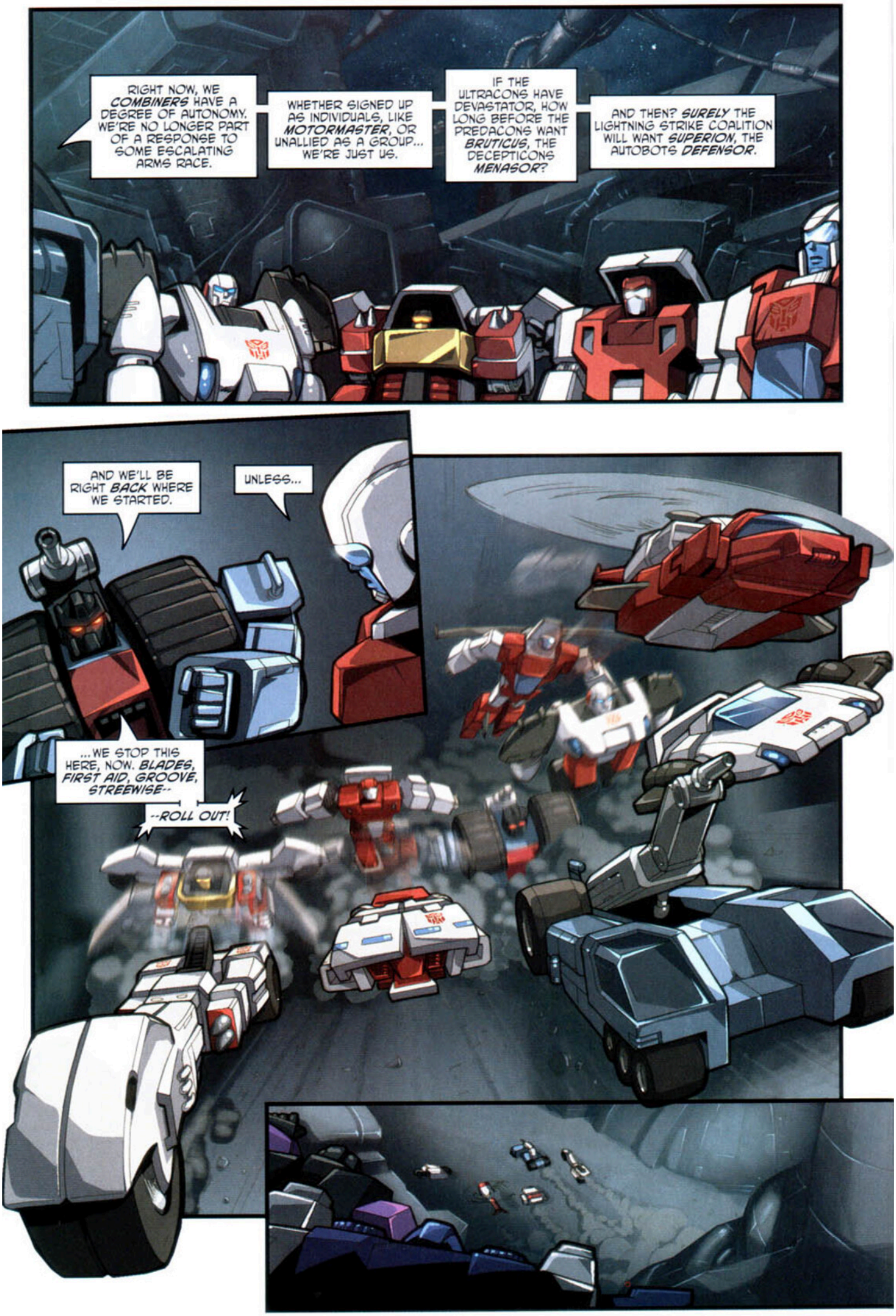

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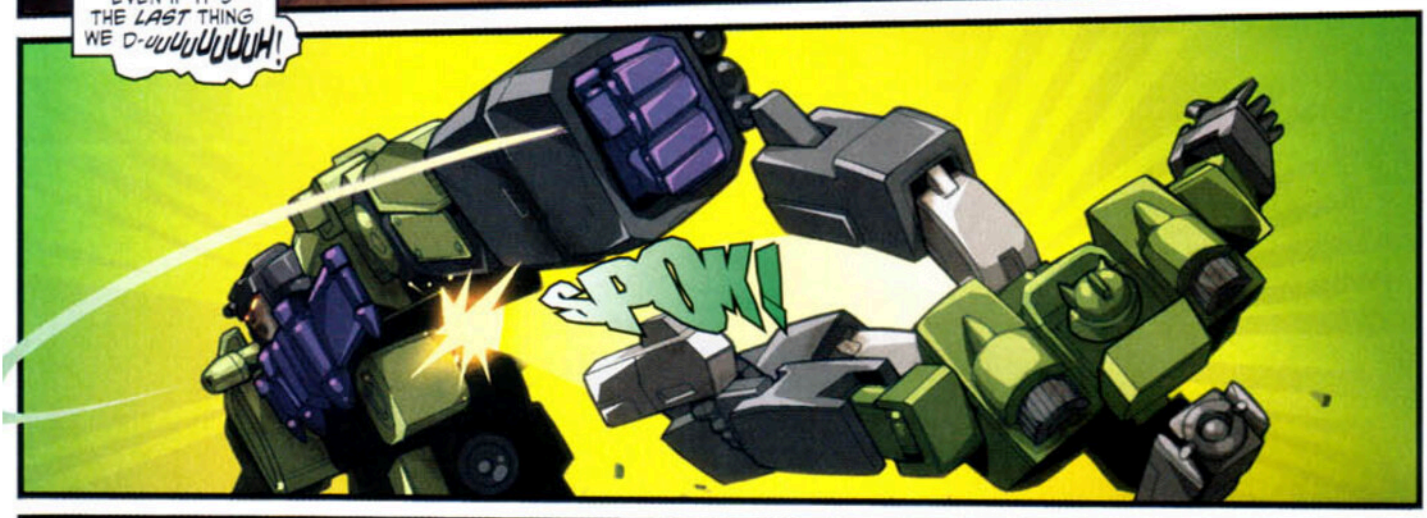

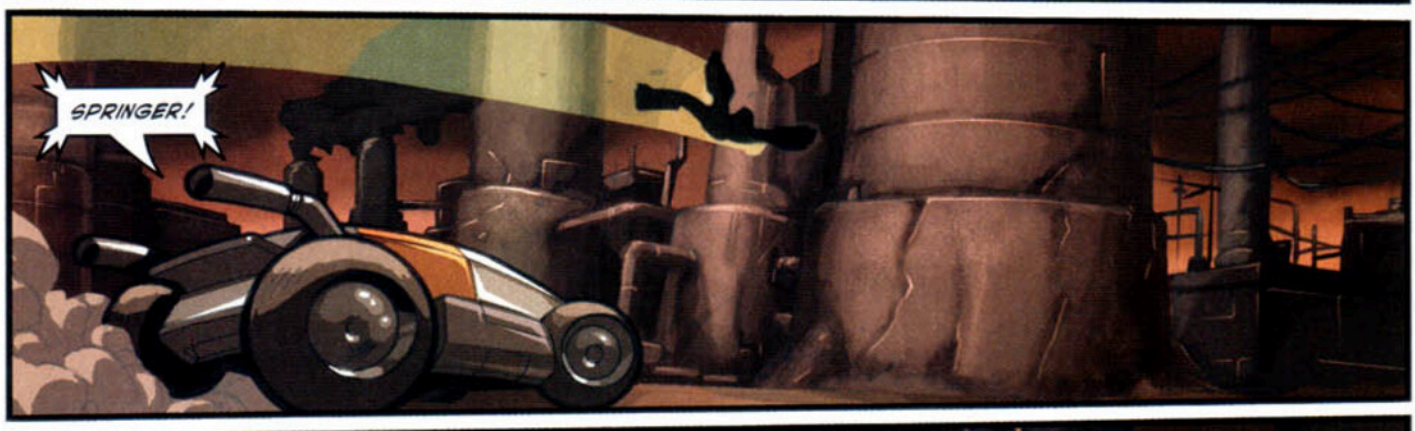

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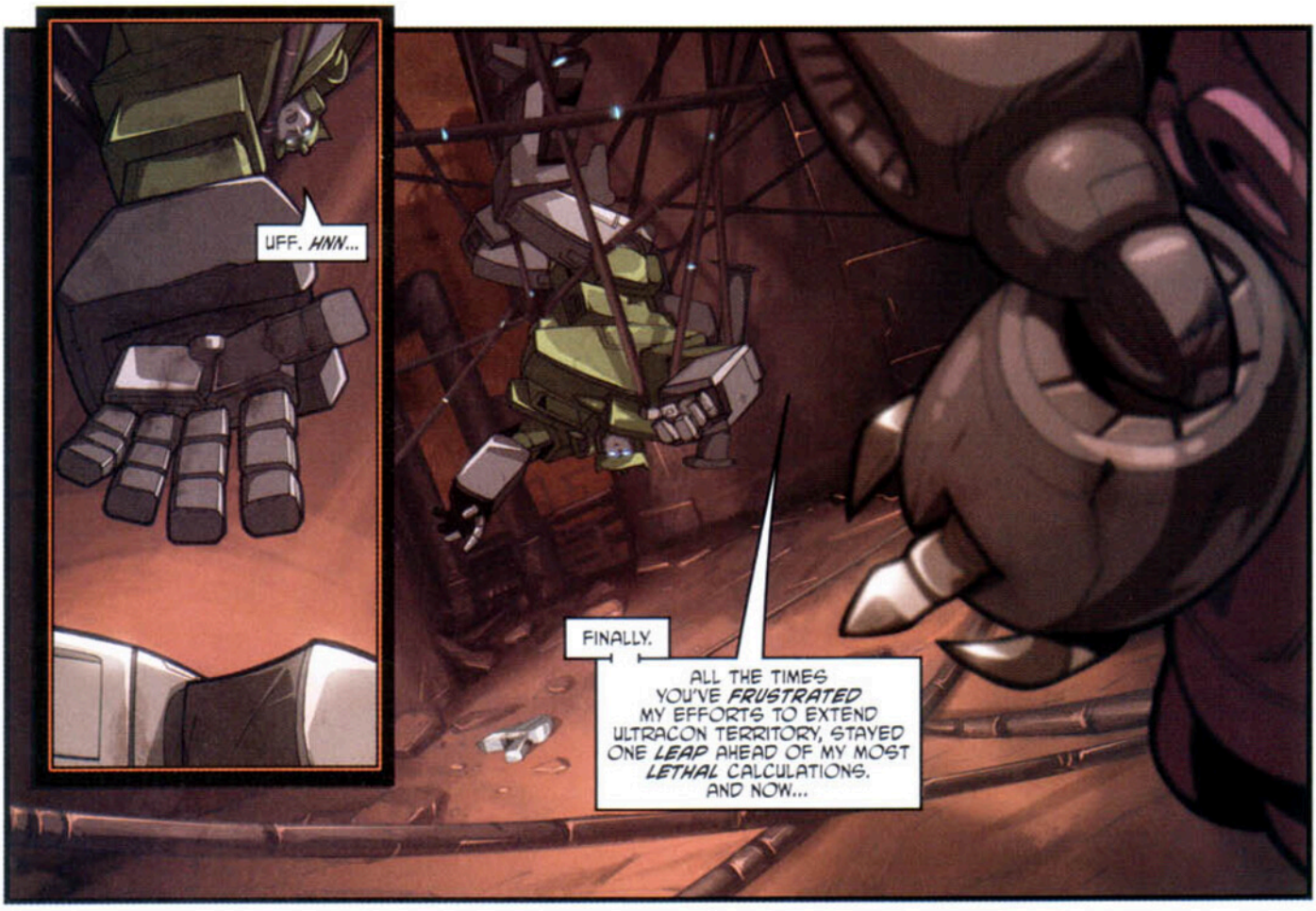

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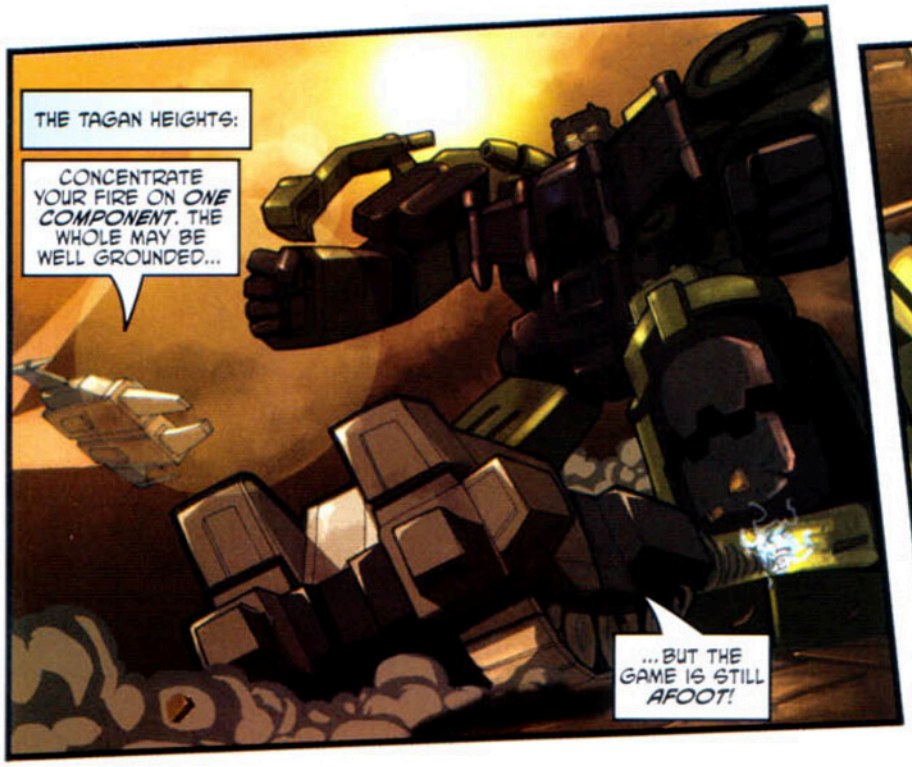

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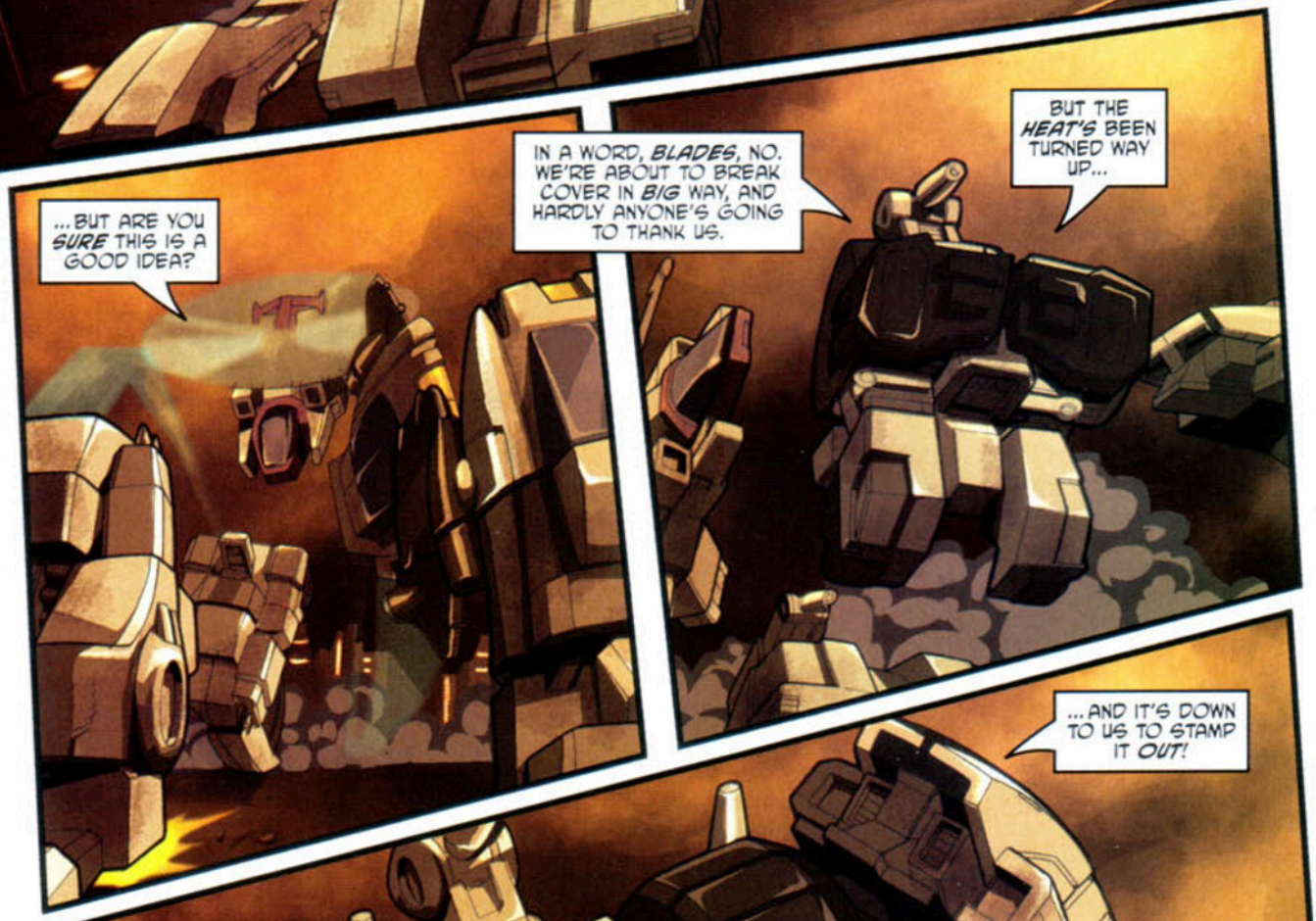

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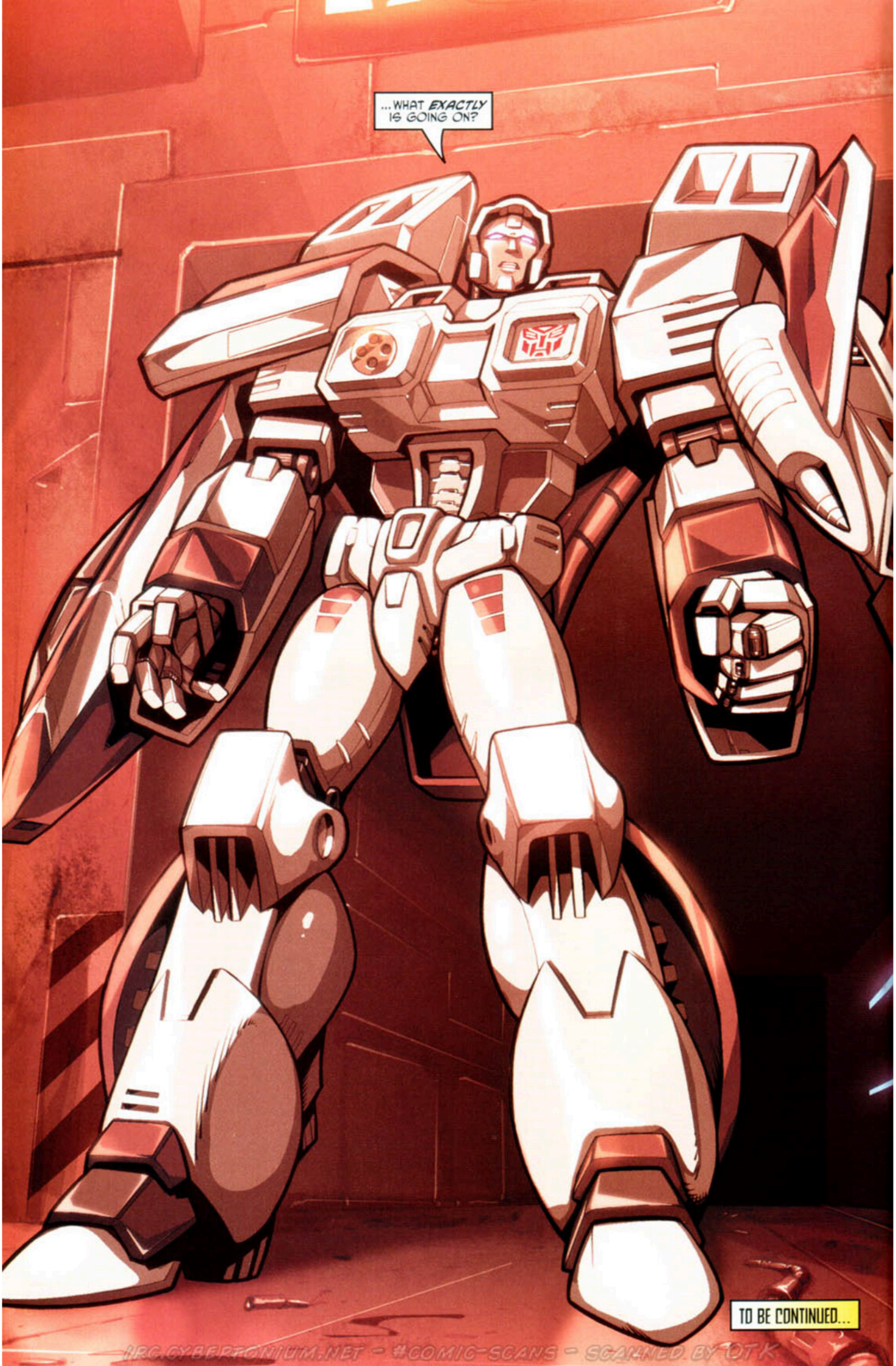

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October 2003

It's been a blast working on Transformers War and Peace. There were many nights of not getting much sleep but it was worth the efforts just to get that last Ultra Magnus smoking barrel shot in the last issue thanks to the Mickster. It was also exciting to work with Brad Mick on the project as well and really excited to see what Don and Brad are going to do with the ongoing series. Although, it's not the last you'll see of me on Transformers. There is still a whole lot coming down the pipeline for me for the Transformers series.

For the time being, I will be back to drawing human figures again. I will be penciling 4 issues of Devil May Cry and am really pumped about working on the project. It also gives me an opportunity to try a different medium and to see an entire book fully painted.

So what other interesting projects are in the works? Lets just say that one of them entails a character with two pointy ears and a mission to cleanse the big "G". Thanks for supporting the wave and I hope to see you at the conventions!

Back to the artboard!

Pat Lee
President, Dreamwave Productions

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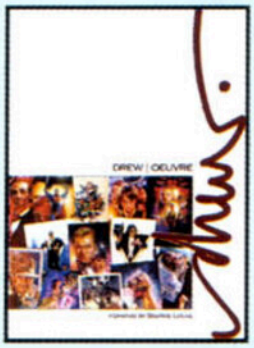

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Hey there Transfans!
Welcome to the "real" first letters page of War Within "The Dark Ages" as we obviously had no questions to answer last issue. I'm sure you were left with countless questions after the first issue though so let's get started:

Dear Dreamwave,
I just finished issues 6 of G1 Vol 2 and 1 of War Within Vol 2 and they left me with some questions.

1. Shockwave describes the difference between the Autobots and the Decepticons as being "genetic", yet in the War Within it's made to seem as though things were more political - like they all had a choice. The Decepticons are said to be a "rogue faction" that previously was unknown to the mainstream of Cybertron's societies, and in WW Vol 2 Furman has decided to use the Political splintering angle even more. Will this get cleared up? And since Grimlock was originally one of the Decepticons, does this mean that "genetically" he still is one?

2. And then there's Ultra Magnus. I completely dug how Brad used his actual action figure design as part of the story and related him to Optimus Prime. What I'm wandering is if Brad will give us a more detailed description on what exactly makes certain Transformers "brothers" ie: Sunstreaker and Sideswipe - I'm talking construction-origins of these robots. Also, since Prime and Magnus are brothers where is Magnus in the War Within series? I would fully expect to see him looking like War Within Prime only all white and a tad shorter since Prime has the Matrix inside him.

3. What were Swoop, Slag, Sludge, and Snarl doing before War Within Vol. 2?

4. Will we ever see the Quintessons and if so, will they be minions of Unicron or cyborganic creations of Primus made to build the Transformers?

Anyway I love that what you're doing so far, with only a few minor quibbles, so keep it up, but PLEASE MAINTAIN CONTINUITY AT ALL COSTS. Oh, and Don Figueroa is BADASS.

Thanks for everything,
Jeremy C. Flowers

1. The Transformers race only recently learned of their 'genetic' differences. Shockwave learned of the TF factions' unique purposes through ancient texts that only he has was been privy to. During the War Within era Shockwave had yet to uncover this truth...but is it the WHOLE truth? We shall see...(insert mysterious music here!)
2. Check out Transformers: More Than Meets The Eye #8 for more info on 'related' Transformers. Magnus was out of the picture during the War Within series due to injury (the cause of which is yet to be revealed...). His reparations led the addition of his armor, and to him becoming 'Ultra Magnus'.
3. Well, we couldn't fit EVERY one into War Within Vol. 1 (although Simon Furman & Don Figueroa certainly tried!). Just be thankful the rough & tough Dinobots are getting some deserved spotlight time in War Within "The Dark Ages".
4. Those mysterious Quintessons are definitely lurking around somewhere! In More Than Meets The Eye #8 you'll get your first look at Dreamwave's version of the 'Quints'. You may even learn some tidbits as to the Quint role in DW's TF Universe.

Dear Dreamwave,
Thanks for bringing back TF!! Really excited and looking forward to the new monthly ongoing. Is there a release for the TFG1 Vol.2 trade paperback? War Within was AWESOME.

Jason

Look for the Transformers G1 Vol.2 trade to hit comics stores in February 2004. The trade will be packed with cover art, easter eggs, and more so you can be sure you'll be getting some bang for you buck.

Dear Dreamwave,
I've recently tried to order the Transformers: War Within trade paperback from several different stores and they all tell me that it is out of stock and out of print. Is Dreamwave going to do a second printing of this book?

Travis Ellisor

The War Within Trade Paperback was very popular and we did sell out of our print run rather quickly. If the demand is strong enough we'll definitely go to a second print but if you can't wait that long check out the Dreamwave/Dynamic Forces online store found on our website. There's a super spiffy Hard Cover Edition available for pre-order right now!

Well, that's all the room we've got but keep those "Declarations of War" comin'. This is one of the few times that a declaration of war can be a good thing!

Matt!
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